

scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring enhanced information associated
with the scanned code; and

providing the enhanced information associated
with the code wherein the code is associated with an
advertisement.

118. (Amended) A method for using a portable
scanning device for acquiring information associated with
codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring enhanced information associated
with the scanned code; and

providing the enhanced information associated
with the code wherein the code is associated with a
promotion.

119. (Amended) A method for using a portable
scanning device for acquiring information associated with
codes comprising:

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scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring enhanced information associated
with the scanned code; and

providing the enhanced information associated
with the code wherein the code is associated with an article
in a printed publication.

123. (Amended) A method for using a portable
scanning device for acquiring information associated with
codes comprising:

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scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring enhanced information associated
with the scanned code; and

providing the enhanced information associated
with the code wherein the code is scanned from another
portable scanning device.

124. (Amended) A method for using a portable
scanning device for acquiring information associated with
codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring information associated with the
scanned code, wherein the acquired information comprises an
upcoming schedule of use of equipment associated with the
code; and

scheduling the use of the equipment.

135. (Amended) The method of claim 124 further
comprising verifying a specific user of the equipment based
on which portable device was used to scan the code.

136. (Amended) The method of claim 124 further
comprising allowing the user to specify a time range for the
use of the equipment.

139. (Amended) A method for using a portable
scanning device for acquiring information associated with
codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device
wherein the portable device comprises code scanning
equipment;

acquiring information associated with the
scanned code; and

presenting the information to the user in a
language determined by the user, wherein the language is
determined by the user after the code is scanned.

140. (Amended) The method of claim 139 further
comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at
a docking station via an output device at the docking
station.

270. (Amended) A system for using a portable
scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information
associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein
the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire enhanced information associated with
the scanned code; and

provide the enhanced information associated
with the code, wherein the code is associated with an
advertisement.

271. (Amended) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire enhanced information associated with the scanned code; and

provide the enhanced information associated with the code, wherein the code is associated with a promotion.

272. (Amended) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire enhanced information associated with the scanned code; and

provide the enhanced information associated with the code, wherein the code is associated with an article in a printed publication.

276. (Amended) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire enhanced information associated with the scanned code; and

provide the enhanced information associated with the code, wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

277. (Amended) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire information associated with the scanned code, wherein the acquired information comprises an upcoming schedule of use of equipment associated with the code; and

schedule the use of the equipment.

288. (Amended) The system of claim 277 further configured to verify a specific user of the equipment based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

289. (Amended) The system of claim 277 further configured to allow the user to specify a time range for the use of the equipment.

292. (Amended) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire information associated with the scanned code; and

present the information to the user in a language determined by the user, wherein the language is determined by the user after the code is scanned.

293. (Amended) The system of claim 292 further configured to present the acquired information to a user at a docking station via an output device at the docking station.

307. (New) A method for using a portable scanning device for acquiring information associated with codes comprising:

scanning a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquiring information associated with the scanned code; and

scheduling the use of a facility associated with the code.

308. (New) The method of claim 307 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at the docking station via an output device at the docking station.

309. (New) The method of claim 307 further comprising presenting the acquired information to a user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

310. (New) The method of claim 307 wherein the information is acquired via a wireless path.

311. (New) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

312. (New) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

313. (New) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

314. (New) The method of claim 310 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

315. (New) The method of claim 307 wherein the information is acquired via wired means.

316. (New) The method of claim 315 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

317. (New) The method of claim 315 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

318. (New) The method of claim 307 further comprising verifying a specific user of the facility based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

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319. (New) The method of claim 307 further comprising allowing the user to specify a time range for the use of the facility.

320. (New) The method of claim 307 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

321. (New) The method of claim 307 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

322. (New) A system for using a portable scanning device for allowing a user to acquire information associated with codes, the system configured to:

scan a code using a portable device wherein the portable device comprises code scanning equipment;

acquire information associated with the scanned code; and

schedule the use of a facility associated with the code.

323. (New) The system of claim 322 further configured to present the acquired information to a user at the docking station via an output device at the docking station.

324. (New) The system of claim 322 further configured to present the acquired information to a user at the portable device via an output device at the portable device.

325. (New) The system of claim 322 wherein the information is communicated via a wireless path.

326. (New) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is an infrared path.

327. (New) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is a radio frequency path.

328. (New) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is an IEEE standard 802.11(b) path.

329. (New) The system of claim 325 wherein the wireless path is a Bluetooth standard path.

330. (New) The system of claim 322 wherein the information is communicated via wired means.

331. (New) The system of claim 330 wherein the wired means is a hardware interface.

332. (New) The system of claim 330 wherein the wired means is a FireWire link.

333. (New) The system of claim 322 further configured to verify a specific user of the facility based on which portable device was used to scan the code.

334. (New) The system of claim 322 further configured to allow the user to specify a time range for the use of the facility.

335. (New) The system of claim 322 wherein the code is scanned from printed material.

336. (New) The system of claim 322 wherein the code is scanned from another portable scanning device.

Please cancel claims 1-116, 120-122, 154-269, and 273-275 without prejudice.